

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing replaces all prior version and listing of claims in the application:

Claims 1-25 (CANCELED)

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~composition~~ method of claim 35 wherein the hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride has a copolymer of styrene-acrylic ester dispersed therein.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~composition~~ method of claim 26 wherein said hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride is prepared by forming an ammonium salt of said styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~composition~~ method of claim 27 wherein said hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride having a copolymer of styrene-acrylic ester dispersed therein is NovaCote PS2.

29-31. (CANCELED)

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim ~~29~~ 35.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim ~~30~~ 26.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim ~~31~~ 27.

35 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~composition~~ method of sizing a cellulosic web for improving surface size and surface strength ~~for cellulosic products~~ comprising applying to a surface of the cellulosic web an aqueous sizing mixture of a film-forming binder, a cationic polymer and an anionic polymer, wherein the film-forming binder is a starch, wherein the cationic polymer is a polyamidoamine-epichlorohydrin resin and wherein the anionic polymer is a hydrolyzed copolymer of styrene-maleic anhydride.

36. (NEW) A sized cellulosic web made by the method of claim 28.